

**MINUTES OF HAMILTON COUNTY COUNCIL, AUGUST 3, 2005  
GENERALIZED SUMMARY**

Councilor Hiatt called to order the special work session of the Hamilton County Council at 6:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Councilors Judy Levine, Meredith Carter, Steve Schwartz, Jim Belden and John Hiatt, Commissioner, Christine Altman, Council Attorney, John Culp, Human Resources Manager, Sheena Randall, Auditor, Robin Mills and Chief Deputy Auditor, Dawn Coverdale. Councilor McKinney arrived at 6:19 p.m. and Councilor Beaver arrived at 6:22 p.m.

Human Resources Manager, Sheena Randall introduced Mr. Kent Irwin of Waggoner, Irwin & Scheele. Mr. Irwin explained his proposal for an operations/efficiency review of Hamilton County.

Council Hiatt called to order the regular meeting of the Hamilton County Council at 7:00:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Brad Beaver, Steve Schwartz, Jim Belden, John Hiatt, Meredith Carter, Judy Levine and Rick McKinney.

Councilor Hiatt gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

[7:01:07] Councilor Levine moved to approve minutes of July 6, 2005. Councilor Schwartz seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS [7:01:26]**

Mr. Jeff Huffman, CEO, Janus Development Services introduced himself to Council and thanked them for all the support.

**COMMITTEE / OFFICER REPORT [7:02:45]**

President: No report

Vice President: No report

Highway: No report

Finance: Councilor Carter reported finance committee met with Mike Reuter who has updated financial plan based on budget request from departments. Meredith also presented spreadsheets he had prepared comparing budget requested by departments and budget presented in financial plan, his second spreadsheet was for all other funds.

Councilor Beaver stated the financial projection looked better than the last financial plan the council had seen but it was operating under the assumption that the Highway department would receive only \$4,500,000 in COIT which meets bond demands and \$1,200,000 in food & beverage tax revenues.

Councilor Carter also gave an update on the Indiana Stadium and Convention Building Authority. No projection on ground breaking date but expect lease agreement with Colts to be signed in September. Councilor Levine requested Meredith forward this information to Commissioner Altman to be shared with donut counties.

Personnel: No meeting

Miscellaneous: Councilor Levine reported

Council on Aging is doing a transportation needs study.

Health department is posting inspections on web site.

United Way Day of Caring is coming up

Behavior Corp Board has started capital campaign. A new campus will be built adjacent to the Jail.

Fair Tent was very successful.

Councilor Beaver reported

Mr. Tom Kapostasy, President, Hamilton County Aviation Board, sent a letter to Zionsville Schools concerning the school they intend to build at the end of the runway at Executive Airport. The Zionsville School Board has responded they will move forward with the current plans.

Aviation Board met with Aeroinfinity, Engineering Group, which is a consultant with Indianapolis International Airport. Aero Infinity is trying to discern what the situation was with Metropolitan Airport. There is was no indication from Aero Infinity that Indianapolis International Airport had any desire to close Metropolitan Airport, they were looking to our Board and other Elected officials to tell them if there was a developer out there trying to do something. Nobody reported anything back to them.

Councilor Levine stated there are developers interested in the property and they're willing to pay the price. The problem lies, Fishers wants to sell it, it's prime real estate now. The problem is Indianapolis Airport Authority wants to relocate the an airport with a longer runway in Wayne Township. Councilor Beaver stated they make their request directly to Indianapolis International because at this meeting, Indianapolis International had no knowledge of who wanted to do what and there's no offer on the table. Their position was they had no intention of closing Metro.

Councilor Beaver stated the Hamilton County Board of Aviation Commission has a meeting with the Boone County Board of Commissioners on August 8, 2005 to discuss general aviation topics. Councilor Beaver will make an attempt to attend that meeting.

Councilor Beaver attended the Aerospace Convention in Osh Kosh, WI and ran into Kelly Flynn, who is a board member of the Indianapolis Airport Authority, and their attorney. Discussed what Indianapolis is doing and what Executive is doing, they had nothing but positive things to say about our airport. We also discussed our representation on their board which I will pass along to our Aviation Board.

Councilor Beaver asked the Council what they want our position to be on Boone County allowing the building of a school and a subdivision off the runway? The same meeting that Hamilton County conceded to not extend the runway without going back to the Boone County Board of Commissioners for approval, Boone County approved residential housing off the end of the runway.

#### **COMMISSIONER UPDATE [7:29:25] Commissioner Altman**

Believes Hamilton County must convince Boone County the airport is an asset not only for Hamilton County but also for Boone County. Suggested the Aviation Board provide land use studies and planning to Boone County to enhance the tax base for Boone County and offer a solution that would benefit both counties.

Might want to see if either the MPO or Aviation Authorities would come up with 80-20 land planning money and offer, since we are there, we would fund that local share. In long term, this is a gold mine for Boone County if they develop it correctly.

White River Clean up will be September 10, 2005. Organization came before the Solid Waste Board to request supplemental funding, which the Solid Waste Board granted, therefore no money will be requested from the general fund. Cleanup will extend into Carmel to 126th Street.

US 31 has been converted from a freeway to expressway. INDOT is looking at ways to save money and cut project costs in half. The change will have no effect upon us and may be a benefit in terms of dropping strict requirements, however there is concern about east/west traffic and access fire facilities which INDOT didn't have on their plans. Looking at a six month date for redesign and are prepared to throw away all the money spent on the environmental studies. They spent over \$4,000,000 and this will affect the study and approval.

Fishers is working on a I-69 coalition. Organizing first meeting tomorrow, which Commissioner Altman will attend. Hamilton County Commissioners have pledged support to that coalition as they have US 31 and would

agree to fund, if they need underwritten cost, up to the same level as Hamilton County supports US 31.  
Will not be able to attend Commissioners budget hearing. If any questions, please let Commissioner Altman know.  
Request for automated phone system on agenda tonight has not come before the Board of Commissioners for full consideration. Commissioners have approved the Kronos request subject to funding.

Councilor Beaver asked Commissioner Altman, because she's so involved in regional transportation meetings, to get Hamilton County's 1/3 share of the rail? Hamilton County paid for this rail but the paperwork was never completed. Council asked Mr. John Culp to prepare necessary paperwork for obtaining 1/3 of rail for discussion at the next Council meeting.

Councilor McKinney asked about the status of the bridge around Crooked Stick? Commissioner Altman stated the project is on schedule. The estimated completion date is end of August and this date was built into the contract.

**UNFINISHED/TABLED BUSINESS (7:44:38)**

Councilor Belden moved to untable E911 additional appropriation request of \$300,000. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion to untable carried (7-0). Councilor Levine moved to approve E911 additional request in 119.000.000.4004 Computer Hardware. Councilor McKinney seconded motion. Motion failed (2-5) with Councilors Levine, Belden, Hiatt, Schwartz and Carter against.

**NEW BUSINESS [7:46:27]**

Councilor Levine moved to approve the following resolutions for temporary transfer of funds.

Resolution 08-03-05-01 \$93,326.58 in Lease Rental  
Resolution 08-03-05-02 \$45,909.66 in Jail Lease  
Resolution 08-03-05-03 \$12,658.24 in Park Bond  
Resolution 08-03-05-04 \$6,897.30 in Animal Control Bond

Councilor Beaver seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

**Additional, Transfers and Amend Form 144 [7:47:25]**

[7:47:25] Councilor Beaver moved to approve 144 amendment of Assessor salary to \$67,042 and additional appropriation of \$4,259 in 001.000.1001 Assessor and \$500 in 001.000.1002 Chief Deputy. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

[7:48:15] Councilor Belden moved to table ISSD additional request of \$53,804 in 020.000.4012 Automated Phone Attendant Project. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried (6-1) with Councilor Carter against.

[7:58:12] Councilor Beaver moved to approve ISSD additional request of \$88,433 in 020.000.3418 Time Clock Upgrade Kronos. Councilor Carter seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

[8:02:40] Councilor Belden moved to approve EMS additional of \$70,000 in 101.022.000.3851 Supplement. Councilor Beaver seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

[8:03:00] Councilor Schwartz moved to approve Prosecutor transfer of \$1,107 from 101.031.000.1002 Bradley Banks to 101.031.000.1020 Fitz. Councilor Beaver seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

[8:03:17] Councilor Beaver moved to approve Clay Township 144 amendments of 055.1005 J. Murray to \$31,574; 055.1008 D. Robert to \$29,677; and 055.1003 K Poore to \$47,290. Councilor Belden seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

Councilor Beaver moved to approve Clay Township additional request of \$231 in 055.000.1005 Field Appraiser and \$231 in 055.000.1008 Field Appraiser. Councilor Belden seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

Councilor Beaver moved to approve Clay Township transfer of \$2,173 from 055.000.1300 part time to 055.000.1003 Real Property Appraisal Manager. Councilor Belden seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

[8:04:33] Councilor Belden moved to approve Clay Township 144 amendment of 108.055.000.1005 C Miller to \$40,308 in reassessment fund. Councilor Carter seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

Councilor Belden moved to approve Clay Township transfer of \$2,127 from 108.055.000.1300 part time to 108.055.000.1005 Appraiser Level II in Reassessment Fund. Councilor Carter seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

[8:05:06] Councilor Belden moved to approve Noblesville Township 144 amendment of 059.000.1005 D Johnson, Data Entry to \$27,042. Councilor Beaver seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

Councilor Belden moved to approve Noblesville Township Assessor additional of \$1,209 in 059.000.1005 Data Entry Operator. Councilor Beaver seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

[8:05:17] Councilor Beaver moved to approve Fall Creek Township additional request of \$3,500 in 101.065.000.3501 Printing. Councilor Belden seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

Councilor Beaver moved to approve Fall Creek Township additional request of \$3,000 in 101.065.000.3602 mileage. Councilor Belden seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

Councilor Beaver moved to approve Fall Creek Township additional of \$4,600 in Sales Disclosure Fund. \$3,000 in 365.000.000.3851 Supplement and \$1,600 in 365.000.000.4003 Machines. Councilor Belden seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

[8:09:30] Councilor Belden moved to approve E911 additional of \$485,841.00 in 119.000.000.3520. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried (6-1) with Councilor Beaver against.

[8:10:55] Councilor Levine moved to approve Highway Inspection Fund additional of \$70,000 in 282.102.000.3713 Inspection. Councilor Schwartz seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

[8:11:08] Councilor Carter moved to approve Probation User Fees Fund additional of \$69,000. \$6000 in 316.000.000.1300 Part Time; \$8,000 in 316.000.000.2001 Office Supplies; \$10,000 in 316.000.000.3603 Seminars; and \$45,000 in 316.000.000.3704 Medical. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

[8:11:50] Councilor Belden moved to approve CARE additional of \$24,000 in 325.317.000.3713 Other Contractual. Councilor Beaver seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

Councilor Levine stated, for the record, she opposes urinalysis testing for persons convicted of non-drug offense crimes.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS / COMMENTS:** None

**SHERIFF COMMENTS** [8:17:28]

Solheim Cup will be here in 28 days, anyone interested in seeing any of that should contact Sheriff.

Encouraged Council to come look at Juvenile Detention Project. Tour would take only 20-30 minutes. Councilor Levine asked the Sheriff to get

some dates together to meet everyone’s schedule. Sleep in is planned for when project is complete. I have had a couple complaints regarding work beginning prior to 7:00 a.m., Noblesville City Ordinance states work can not begin until 7:00 a.m. Construction people have been very receptive and made mends, for a couple of days during extremely hot weather the construction crews did start very early but there were no complaints. Federal grant is beginning to take shape and hold in the community. Sheriff stated if anyone wants to discuss grant to let him know and he’d set down and discuss.

Councilor Levine congratulated the Sheriff and David Bice of Emergency Management for the article in the paper regarding the tanker fire. Sheriff Carter stated the fire service does a terrific job of working together.

Councilor McKinney asked when the new software would be implemented? Sheriff Carter stated \$2,300,000 of \$4,800,000 has been earmarked for the software initiative and he anticipates hardware changes in the next 6-8 months. BJ Casali stated part of the issue is whether the whole system is implemented at one time or in phases. Councilor McKinney asked about the remaining \$2,500,000? Sheriff Carter stated \$1,000,000 is dedicated to the fiber ring and remaining dollars for the Medtronics Software.

Sheriff Carter announced Hamilton County will take law enforcement responsibilities of the Riverview Hospital Campus. Riverview will continue to absorb the cost of those employees, the Sheriff department will make sure they meet the minimum threshold of training. Hamilton County will not absorb any of the associated costs of those employees.

**ATTORNEY COMMENTS [8:26:41]**

Riverview thinks the new arrangement for security with the Sheriff’s department will be very good. The Sheriff’s department will be in charge of the training, education. There will be standardized weapons and uniforms. Sheriff will say what may or may not be done. These people will however remain employees of Riverview Hospital.

**AUDITOR’S COMMENTS [8:27:48]**

Presented monthly claims for approval. Councilor Levine moved to approve accounts payable claims. Councilor Carter seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

Councilor Levine announced the Elephant Open Golf Outing is scheduled for Wednesday, September 7, 2005. Councilor Schwartz asked that the meeting scheduled for that evening be changed as he will be out of town. Councilor Levine moved to change September meeting to 6th. Councilor Schwartz seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

[8:31:27] Councilor Belden moved to adjourn meeting. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

**Those present:**

- Dixie Packard, Clay Township  
Assessor
- Jennifer Templeton,  
Treasurer Office
- Jim Neal, Highway Engineer
- Jeff Huffman, Janus
- BJ Casali, ISSD
- Madonna Wagoner,  
Probation
- Pam Zagar, Fall Creek Twp Assessor  
Administration
- Polly Pearce, Court

